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GO SERV CELEBRATES 4TH OF JULY IN SERVICE

Approximately 100 volunteers participate in beach clean up

LOS ANGELES – Chuck J. Supple, Executive Director for the Governor’s Office on Service and Volunteerism (GO SERV) spent the 4th of July participating in a service project with the Governor and Mrs. Davis, Ed Begley, Jr. and approximately 100 volunteers.

“Patriotism and the 4th of July have taken on a whole new meaning. Since service is among the most patriotic of all acts, what better way to celebrate than to serve?” said Mr. Supple.

Numerous volunteers from a variety of organizations showed up to participate in the beach clean up at Dockweiler Beach in Playa Del Ray. AmeriCorps members from Teach for America, the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, Building Up Los Angeles, Clean and Green, the California Conservation Corps and BruinCorps were there to serve, as well as volunteers from L.A. Works, the Los Angeles Volunteer Center, the western San Gabriel Boys and Girls Club, Heal the Bay and junior rangers from the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy.

“In California, there was a significant jump in interest to serve following the tragic events of September 11th. Evidenced by today’s turnout, we know there remains an enormous amount of goodwill among Californians who want to get out and do something good in their community,” said Mr. Supple.

At the event, Governor Davis announced the more than \$31 million in federal grants recently awarded through GO SERV for AmeriCorps programs in California. GO SERV was granted \$31,497,983 million this year to support 65 programs and nearly 6,400 AmeriCorps members in the Golden State. The Governor also announced \$23 million in state assistance for communities in three Southern California counties, as part of his Clean Beaches Initiative.

L.A. Works donated water for the volunteers and Heal the Bay provided trash bags and gloves for the clean up effort.

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